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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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AMCONGEN BELIZE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 1850

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MOPS, GT, BH

SUBJECT: BELIZE ALLEGES TROOP BUILDUP BY GUATEMALA AND SEEKS
CARIBBEAN SOLIDARITY

1. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING NOVEMBER 3, FONMIN FRED WILLS ARRIVED
MORE THAN HOUR LATE AND IMMEDIATELY GOT BOTH MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE
AND ME ASIDE (SEPARATELY) TO URGE WE ALERT OUR GOVTS TO FOLLOWING:

2. ACCORDING TO WILLS, BELIZE PREMIER PRICE HAS HARD INTELLIGENCE
THAT GUATEMALA IS MASSING TROOPS ON ITS SIDE OF BORDER WITH
EVIDENT INTENTION OF CARRYING OUT INVASION TO OCCUPY AT LEAST
THAT SOUTHERN PORTION OF BELIZE TO WHICHIT HAS REDUCED ITS CLAIM.
PRICE APPARENTLY BELIEVES TIMING IS DESIGNED TO CATCH REST OF WORLD
WITH ATTENTION FOCUSSED ON SPANISH SAHARA AND LEBANON. WILLS
SAID PRICE HAS CONVEYED FORGOING TO CARICOM PARTNERS BOTH
VIA LATTERS' UN DELEGATIONS IN NY AND VIA DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS.

3. WILLS SAID HE WAS LATE BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN CONSULTING WITH
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PRIMIN BURNHAM ON WHAT GUYANA MIGHT DO TO HELP. HE SAID HE WAS

AUTHORIZED TO CALL FOR MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL IN CONCERT WITH CARICOM PARTNERS, AND TO ALERT U.S. AND UK REPS IN GEORGETOWN, SUGGESTING LATTER INFORM THEIR GOVTS THAT GUYANA IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AND WILL RAISE A BIG OUTCRY AT UN.

4. I SAID I WOULD PASS WORD, BUT I SUGGESTED WILLS ALSO CONSIDER POSSIBLE MEXICAN ROLE, IN LIGHT OF GOM CONSISTENT POSITION THAT IS OWN CLAIM HELD IN ABEYANCE AS LONG AS OTHER CLAIMS NOT ASSERTED BY FORCE. TO WILLS REACTION THAT THIS MEANT MEXICO AND GUATEMALA WOULD CARVE UP BELIZE BETWEEN THEM, I URGED HE REMEMBER ECHEVERRIA'S ASPIRATION TO SUCCEED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM.

5. COMMENT: THIS MAY WELL BE ANOTHER CRY OF "WOLF" BY PRICE, BUT IT WAS OBVIOUSLY STRUCK SYMPATHETIC CHORD HERE WHERE GUYANESE ARE STILL HAVING SIMILAR NIGHTMARES ABOUT BOTH VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL. KREBS

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